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| Application Number     | 09/021,466        |
| Filing Date            | February 10, 1998 |
| First Named Inventor   | Terry Lee Oehrke  |
| Art Unit               | 2153              |
| Examiner Name          | Kupstas, T.       |
| Attorney Docket Number | 1177              |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

## 1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

a.  Previously submitted

- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on MAR 22 2002  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on Technology Center 2100
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

- Amendment/Reply
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
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## 2. Miscellaneous

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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